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IS THE LAW SATISFACTORY.

A Baker county irrigator is the first farmer to give a public expression on the Bein irrigation law proposed for Oregon.

The legislature will soon meet. Eastern Oregon members will be at sea as to the wishes of the people on this law, and if the irrigation measure passed by the legislature does not suit the Oregon irrigator, he can blame no one but himself.

In the Baker City Herald, an anonymous farmer who should have signed his able letter, points out the weak places in the Bein law and argues strongly against it. His chief objections may be classed under three divisions as follows:

I. The destruction of all private water rights and a redistribution by the state.

II. The addition of state officers and boards costing about \$18,000 per year.

III. Endless litigation as a result of the seizure of private rights by the state.

The first objection to the law is utterly unfounded, for the reason that the law does not contemplate the absolute destruction of private rights; it provides that no man shall hold water in excess of his need; that every stream shall reclaim the largest possible area and that entire sections shall not be kept in drowse by the greed of the few.

The state will decide how much water certain classes of land require to keep them at the highest productive state; just enough water to accomplish this result will be apportioned to the land; none will be allowed to waste. Under the law no man can claim what he can't use.

The second objection as to the cost of maintaining the engineers and irrigation boards is debatable. It has been suggested to place the entire administration of the law with the state land board. The state land board is not necessarily a board of irrigation experts, but it could be made such by a provision of the law.

Since irrigation is to be the chief industrial art of the future, the East Oregonian believes the irrigation machinery of the state should be built very much greater than the present needs, so the irrigation system and code of the state will invite and encourage healthy growth and expansion of the actual art of irrigation. It is better to build in years in advance of the present than to be one minute behind the present.

As the costly litigation to follow the adoption of the Bein law, this will be reduced to a minimum if the law has the hearty sanction of the people, who should be desirous of seeing the idle areas of the state reclaimed. If the law is made to conform to the broadest principles of justice and tends to the highest possible good for the greatest number, a few healthy decrees from the supreme court will stop litigation.

Lying in the heart of the business districts of every city and town in Oregon are hundreds of vacant lots owned by men and corporations who will neither sell nor improve their property. These vacant lots are constantly increasing in value because of the enterprise of men owning adjacent property. The vacant lot escapes its share of taxation because it is vacant, while the owner of land next to it is taxed on his improvements because he has enterprise enough to build up the town. The owner of the vacant land gets rich from the enterprise of others, pays but a pittance in taxes to support the government, and holds back the settlement of the community. The East Oregonian believes that Oregon assessors should start a concerted movement to tax these owners of idle lots until they will build or sell and allow the vacant land to be used for the upbuilding of the city. Idle city lots are like parasites, under the present system of taxation. They

earn nothing by active use, they pay but a pittance of taxes and yet grow fat in values from the reflected wealth, absorbed from the activity, thrift and enterprise of others.

Decency pays. It is not necessary for a community to draw tribute from and compromise with evil and immorality, in order to hold the organization of society together. The system by which society takes toll from vice is rotten at the core. It is the outcome of a rotten moral code. It is antagonistic to the better standards of public and private life, and is the creation of men who worship gold and prostitute every sacred principle of cleanliness and morality to the accumulation of wealth. It would be just as sensible to license horsestealing as prostitution, and 10 times less demoralizing to the young, because private owners would protect themselves against licensed horse thieves, while the parents of the community cannot protect their homes from the dens of vice licensed and legalized by city governments. The open violation of the laws regulating the morality of the state, gives a license to violate every other law on the books, and thus the spectacle is presented everywhere of city governments through the official organization, openly endorsing the ranklest form of anarchy and defying the laws of the land.

Since the supreme court of the United States, by a change of front of one of the judges, decided against the income tax law, in 1894, the sum of \$100,000,000 has been raised by taxation of the poor, which should have been raised from the gigantic incomes of the rich. In all this time the ability of the wealthy to pay increased taxes has been multiplied by the favoritism of laws and the control of industry by the few, while the narrowing opportunity and increased living expenses of the masses have diminished their ability to pay. Today the massive accumulations of wealth are able to hide behind law and escape taxation, while the sustenance of the great middle class and the consumer must bear the burden.

SHOOK DICE FOR WIDOW.

Many stories have been printed of peculiar ways in which men have won wives, but none more odd than is to be found in the case of a St. Cloud, Minn., man who won a bride in a game of dice with his rival.

There lives in this city a comely widow, Mrs. Margaret Dressing, for whose hand there has been a considerable rivalry between a professional man, who is a widower, and another resident, who is also a "sans wife." The professional man is Dr. William Scruby, a veterinary surgeon and his rival's name is William Helmsath. These two Williams have ignored Sam Weller's advice, "Beware of widows," and both for more than three months have been keenly seeking for the favor of the fair woman in question. Both have pressed their suits without result, the widow apparently being undecided as to which she should accept.

The middle of the week the two met by chance in a buffet operated by Martin Mutschler on Ninth avenue. For a month or more the two rivals had not been on speaking terms with each other, and it was confidently expected that there would be open hostilities. Nothing of the kind, however, resulted. After a brief conversation it was decided that a game of dice should be made use of in deciding which one should cease attention to the widow, Mutschler, the proprietor, was selected to preside as referee.

It was determined to count the spots on five dice, with each man having five throws. The one who tossed the larger number of spots was to have undisputed right of the widow.

Helmsath threw first and a count of his five throws showed a total of 69. The doctor followed and peculiar to say, tied his rival with the same number. A shakeoff of the tie gave the doctor 53 to his opponent's 52. The loser took the affair sadly to heart, but decided to make the best of it. The winner bought a round of drinks for the house, shook hands with his erstwhile rival, and went straightway to press suit.—Denver Post.

Frederick Neil Innes, leader of the famous band that bears his name, has been engaged by the authorities of the Lewis and Clark fair to furnish music for the exposition from the date of the opening, June 1, to June 24. Mr. Innes plans to organize an adult chorus and a chorus in which the school children will take part.

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But my profit I make though grim
Death lays a stake.
And wins in my terrible game.

I am the master of horrid Disaster,
Who follows me over the earth;
Though he sows seeds of death with each fiery breath—
Pray, what is a human life worth?
One ruler alone I ever will own—
Gold—only his voice will I heed.
Meanwhile I'll destroy that bauble called Joy,
For I am the fearful god, Greed.
—James Montague, in Sunday Examiner.

A MATERNITY CLUB.

To encourage the rearing of families, to encourage parents to bring healthy, sound and sturdy offspring into the world, at intervals that will not overburden them from a financial standpoint, and to pay mothers a premium for the intelligent government of matters of maternity, the "Maternity Club" of Boston has been launched.

The first object of the club is to secure members among the mothers of the country, who will agree to bring children into the world. Then it offers a premium to mothers who will study the subject of motherhood from a scientific standpoint, and who will not bring more children into the world than their financial condition warrants, and the last object is to pay such mothers a premium for their care and regulation in the matters of rearing children.

It costs \$2 to join the club and then \$2 per month dues. If at the end of 18 months after the birth of her last child, the mother gives birth to another child, a premium of \$100 is paid her. If 27 months elapse between her children, she is paid \$200, and if 36 months, \$500. Her dues continue all this time, and if less than 18 months elapse between the birth of her children she gets no premium.

This encourages longer periods between children, and while it does not discourage race suicide, it places a premium on healthy and vigorous families, which can be reared within the means of the parents, and educated to become self-supporting and intelligent citizens.

There are now members in all countries on the globe. India has furnished her share. Europe claims several prominent members, while the membership of Boston and vicinity is surprisingly large.

The king of Italy is about to make a knight of J. Pierpont Morgan, by conferring upon him the insignia of Knight of the Crown of Italy.

MALARIA IN THE SYSTEM

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